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1. Soviet foreign policy will be guided by a desire to maintain peace. The PPR is determined to safeguard the peace in order to retain its present gains.
2. The US is trying to draw Germany into its own orbit and make it a bulwark against the USSR, but the USSR will never permit a solution to the German problem which would make another German attack on the USSR possible. The Soviet proposal to Germany would provide a peaceful, friendly and neighborly relationship, and a gradual change and reconstruction in the Communist spirit which would eliminate for all time the possibility of German aggression against the Slavic nations.
3. The Soviet strategy is skillful. Molotov believes it will be easier for the Communists than for the Poles to dominate and win over the Germans. Communists in both Germany and the USSR want to end the unhealthy and onervating tension which exists between the two countries, and German Communists have promised Stalin that the tension will ease and that future relations will be shaped according to the Bismarck traditions. A new European order will then be created.
4. If the conference dealing with the German problem ends unsuccessfully, the Slav nations, under Soviet leadership, will again turn to the capitalistic nations with an appeal for peace. The breakup of the conference will also be considered an unofficial declaration of war and will be answered by an increase in military preparedness to withstand aggression. At the present there does not seem to be much chance for an improvement in US-Soviet relations; the anti-Communist campaign in the US leaves little hope for a change in US policy. The one last chance for preserving the peace is a meeting between Stalin and President Truman.
5. The Soviet Union will not alter its policy toward southeastern Europe and will put every effort into strengthening the people's democracies. To defend the peace it will mobilise its entire strength and play every argument to convince the Anglo-Saxons that war will be of no advantage to them, should they provoke it.

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